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Sent: Wed 2/12/2014 2:37:20 AM
Subject: Re: Fwd: President's Visit

Matt - thanks for pulling this together. Very helpful.

Jared Blumenfeld, EPA

From: Rodriquez, Matthew@EPA <Matthew.Rodriquez@calepa.ca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2014 6:00:38 PM
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I don't know if this is timely or if it helps, but here are some brief thoughts on what the President might say if he wants to talk about what California has been doing to prepare for a drought. I'll also send you a link to our Water Action Plan website.

Good luck. Let me know if you have questions.

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From: "Burns, Gordon@EPA" <Gordon.Burns@calepa.ca.gov>
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How about this? It can be adapted as they see fit.

“I want to commend the Brown administration for its aggressive, proactive response to the current crisis – but also the steps it has taken in recent months and years to address California’s long-term water needs:

- Over the last decade, for example, California's investments in conservation and water quality have increased the overall water supply by 2 million acre-feet a year. That’s enough to supply 4 million households.

- Last month, the Brown administration released a balanced, long-term Water Action Plan designed to make California's water supply more reliable and resilient in the face of drought, population growth and a changing climate.

- Part of that long-term strategy is the Bay Delta Conservation Plan, which will protect California's main source of fresh water for farms and cities -- the Sacramento San Joaquin Delta -- from sea level rise and extreme weather.

- In response to the current drought crisis, state and federal agencies have worked hard to manage flows through the delta in real time, so as to maximize the benefits for fish, farms and people.

At the federal level, it's important that we give California the tools and the funding it needs to respond quickly and thoughtfully to the current crisis. But we need to do it in a way that respects state laws. And we need to be concerned about any efforts that seek to divide California and put politics ahead of the needs of Californians."